



*Washington's Peace Corps
Community
Continued Service to Our Nation*

As Peace Corps Volunteers

- Approximately 9,000 Washington citizens have served as Peace Corps volunteers. Washington ranked 4th in the nation in sending almost 300 Peace Corps volunteers overseas during 2012.
- The Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue region ranked 7th nationally among metropolitan areas sending Peace Corps volunteers overseas in 2012. On a per capita basis, the Olympia region ranked 5th and the Bremerton-Silverdale region ranked 8th nationally in sending volunteers in 2012.
- For the first time ever, Washington State holds the noteworthy distinction of being the first state to hold the No. 1 spot in the small, medium and large undergraduate school categories for the 2013 Top Colleges rankings for producing Peace Corps volunteers. Among large colleges and universities, the University of Washington ranks 1st, among medium colleges and universities Western Washington University ranks 1st, and among small institutions, Gonzaga University ranks 1st for sending Peace Corps volunteers overseas. The University of Washington ranks 2nd for Graduate Schools sending Peace Corps volunteers overseas and Washington State historically ranks 3rd in the nation for sending Peace Corps volunteer overseas since 1961.
- The University of Washington currently ranks second among graduate schools in sending volunteers. The school also ranks 3rd in the nation, sending more than 2,700 volunteers since 1961.
- Peace Corps has educational partnerships with one university: University of Washington

As Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

- Over 4,400 Washington citizens are connected with the National Peace Corps Association.
- NPCA Member Groups are located in Seattle and Spokane.
- SEAPAX (Seattle Area Peace Corps Association) - through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, the SEAPAX Grants Committee recently awarded funds to the following programs. \$100 to Alden Landis Memorial Fund – Mozambique; \$300 to Toilets for the Elderly – Suriname, \$200 to Safety net for Malnourished Children – Madagascar and \$200 to Environmental Youth Office – Paraguay. SEAPAX also supports projects of nonprofit organizations in Washington State that are sponsored by Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

The Peace Corps Community in the News

"Peace Corps volunteer Barbara Meyer of Seattle, Washington has designed two new employee training programs in her local hospital and is leading fundraising efforts for training equipment to improve community health in her village in Lesotho.

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